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From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF
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(PCT Rule 24.2(a))

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 07 May 2003 (07.05.03)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Applicant's or agent's file reference FP165S	International application No. PCT/JP03/03387

The applicant is hereby notified that the International Bureau has received the record copy of the international application as detailed below.

Name(s) of the applicant(s) and State(s) for which they are applicants:

STEC INC. (for all designated States except US)

NISHIKAWA, Masami et al (for US)

International filing date : 20 March 2003 (20.03.03)

Priority date(s) claimed : 25 March 2002 (25.03.02)

Date of receipt of the record copy
by the International Bureau : 11 April 2003 (11.04.03)

List of designated Offices :

EP : AT,BE,BG,CH,CY,CZ,DE,DK,EE,ES,FI,FR,GB,GR,HU,IE,IT,LU,MC,NL,PT,RO,SE,SI,SK,TR
National : CN,KR,US


ATTENTION

The applicant should carefully check the data appearing in this Notification. In case of any discrepancy between these data and the indications in the international application, the applicant should immediately inform the International Bureau.

In addition, the applicant's attention is drawn to the information contained in the Annex, relating to:

- ☒ time limits for entry into the national phase - see updated important information (as of April 2002)
- ☒ confirmation of precautionary designations (if applicable)
- ☒ requirements regarding priority documents (if applicable)

A copy of this Notification is being sent to the receiving Office and to the International Searching Authority.

The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Facsimile No. (41-22) 338.70.10	Authorized officer:  Virenda SINGH GAUTAM (Fax 338 7010) Telephone No. (41-22) 338 8036
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INFORMATION ON TIME LIMITS FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE

The applicant is reminded that the "national phase" must be entered before each of the designated Offices indicated on the cover sheet of this Notification by paying national fees and furnishing translations, as prescribed by Articles 22 and 39 and the applicable national laws. In addition, the applicant may also have to comply with other special requirements applicable in certain Offices. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the necessary steps to enter the national phase are taken in a timely fashion. Most Offices do not issue reminders to applicants in connection with the entry into the national phase.

The applicable time limit for entering the national phase will, subject to what is said in the following paragraph, be **30 MONTHS** from the priority date, not only in respect of any elected Office where a demand for international preliminary examination is filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (see Article 39(1)), but also in respect of any designated Office, in the absence of filing of such demand, where Article 22(1) as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 applies in respect of that designated Office. For further details, see PCT Gazette No. 44/2001 of 1 November 2001, pages 19926, 19932 and 19934, as well as the PCT Newsletter, October and November 2001 and February 2002 issues.

In practice, time limits other than the 30-month time limit will continue to apply, for various periods of time, in respect of certain designated or elected Offices. For regular updates on the applicable time limits (20, 21, 30 or 31 months, or other time limit), Office by Office, refer to the PCT Gazette ("Section IV" part published on a weekly basis), to the PCT Newsletter (on a monthly basis) and to the relevant National Chapters in Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide (the paper version of which is updated usually twice a year and the Internet version of which is updated usually on a weekly basis). Finally, a cumulative table of all applicable time limits for entering the national phase is available from WIPO's Internet site, via links from various pages the site including those of the Gazette, Newsletter and Guide, at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>.

Information about the requirements for filing a demand for international preliminary examination is set out in the PCT Applicant's Guide, Volume I/A, Chapter IX. Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination (at present, all PCT Contracting States are bound by Chapter II).

CONFIRMATION OF PRECAUTIONARY DESIGNATIONS

This notification lists only specific designations made under Rule 4.9(a) in the request. It is important to check that these designations are correct. Errors in designations can be corrected where precautionary designations have been made under Rule 4.9(b). The applicant is hereby reminded that any precautionary designations may be confirmed according to Rule 4.9(c) before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date (this time limit may not be extended). If it is not confirmed, it will automatically be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant. There will be no reminder and no invitation. Confirmation of a designation consists of the filing of a notice specifying the designated State concerned (with indication of the kind of protection or treatment desired) and the payment of the designation and confirmation fees. The Notice of confirmation and payment must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.

REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

For applicants who have not yet complied with the requirements regarding priority documents, the following is recalled.

Where the priority of an earlier national, regional or international application is claimed, the applicant must submit a copy of the said earlier application, certified by the authority with which it was filed ("the priority document") to the receiving Office (which will transmit it to the International Bureau) or directly to the International Bureau, before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, provided that any such priority document may still be submitted to the International Bureau before that date of international publication of the international application, in which case that document will be considered to have been received by the International Bureau on the last day of the 16-month time limit (Rule 17.1(a)).

Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau. Such request must be made before the expiration of the 16-month time limit and may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment of a fee (Rule 17.1(b)).

If the priority document concerned is not submitted to the International Bureau or if the request to the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the priority document has not been made (and the corresponding fee, if any, paid) within the applicable time limit indicated under the preceding paragraphs, any designated State may disregard the priority claim, provided that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within the time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.

Where several priorities are claimed, the priority date to be considered for the purposes of computing the 16-month time limit is the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed.

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NOTIFICATION CONCERNING
SUBMISSION OR TRANSMITTAL
OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

(PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 411)

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 06 June 2003 (06.06.03)	
Applicant's or agent's file reference FP165S	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
International application No. PCT/JP03/03387	International filing date (day/month/year) 20 March 2003 (20.03.03)
International publication date (day/month/year) Not yet published	Priority date (day/month/year) 25 March 2002 (25.03.02)
Applicant STEC INC. et al	

- The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt (except where the letters "NR" appear in the right-hand column) by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the earlier application(s) indicated below. Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, or by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).
- This updates and replaces any previously issued notification concerning submission or transmittal of priority documents.
- An asterisk(*) appearing next to a date of receipt, in the right-hand column, denotes a priority document submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau but not in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b). In such a case, the attention of the applicant is directed to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.
- The letters "NR" appearing in the right-hand column denote a priority document which was not received by the International Bureau or which the applicant did not request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau, as provided by Rule 17.1(a) or (b), respectively. In such a case, the attention of the applicant is directed to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.

<u>Priority date</u>	<u>Priority application No.</u>	<u>Country or regional Office or PCT receiving Office</u>	<u>Date of receipt of priority document</u>
25 Marc 2002 (25.03.02)	2002-82297	JP	16 May 2003 (16.05.03)

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From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

PCTNOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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Date of mailing(<i>day/month/year</i>) 02 October 2003 (02.10.03)		
Applicant's or agent's file reference FP165S		IMPORTANT NOTICE
International application No. PCT/JP03/03387	International filing date(<i>day/month/year</i>) 20 March 2003 (20.03.03)	Priority date(<i>day/month/year</i>) 25 March 2002 (25.03.02)
Applicant STEC INC.		

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has **communicated**, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this notice:

CN, KR, US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

EP

The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 02 October 2003 (02.10.03) under No. 03/081361

4. **TIME LIMITS** for filing a demand for international preliminary examination and for entry into the national phase

The applicable time limit for entering the national phase will, **subject to what is said in the following paragraph**, be **30 MONTHS** from the priority date, not only in respect of any elected Office if a demand for international preliminary examination is filed before the expiration of **19 months** from the priority date, but also in respect of any designated Office, in the absence of filing of such demand, where Article 22(1) as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 applies in respect of that designated Office. For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2001 of 1 November 2001, pages 19926, 19932 and 19934, as well as the *PCT Newsletter*, October and November 2001 and February 2002 issues.

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It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor all these time limits.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP03/03387

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
Int.Cl⁷ G05D7/06

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Int.Cl⁷ G05D7/00-7/06, G05D16/00-16/20

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1926-1996 Toroku Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1994-2002
Kokai Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1971-2002 Jitsuyo Shinan Toroku Koho 1996-2002

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	JP 10-55218 A (Fujikin Inc.), 24 February, 1998 (24.02.98), Page 3, right column, line 32 to page 4, left column, line 27; Fig. 1 & DE 69700733 D & IL 121494 D & SG 66387 A & CA 2212547 A & EP 824232 A1 & US 5816285 A1 & KR 248961 B	1, 2
X	JP 6-35543 A (Toshiba Corp.), 10 February, 1994 (10.02.94), Page 2, right column, lines 3 to 18; Fig. 6 (Family: none)	1, 2



Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.



See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:	"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
"E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date	"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	"&" document member of the same patent family
"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	
"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed	

Date of the actual completion of the international search
30 May, 2003 (30.05.03)

Date of mailing of the international search report
10 June, 2003 (10.06.03)

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP03/03387

C (Continuation). DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	JP 3-31913 A (Fuji Electronic Co., Ltd.), 12 February, 1991 (12.02.91), Page 2, lower right column, line 4 to page 3, upper right column, line 3 (Family: none)	1,2
Y	JP 53-129788 A (Ebara Corp.), 13 November, 1978 (13.11.78), Page 2, upper right column, line 1 to lower right column, line 6 (Family: none)	1,2

A. 発明の属する分野の分類 (国際特許分類 (IPC))

Int. Cl⁷ G05D7/06

B. 調査を行った分野

調査を行った最小限資料 (国際特許分類 (IPC))

Int. Cl⁷ G05D7/00-7/06, G05D16/00-16/20

最小限資料以外の資料で調査を行った分野に含まれるもの

日本国実用新案公報 1926-1996年
 日本国公開実用新案公報 1971-2002年
 日本国登録実用新案公報 1994-2002年
 日本国実用新案登録公報 1996-2002年

国際調査で使用した電子データベース (データベースの名称、調査に使用した用語)

C. 関連すると認められる文献

引用文献の カテゴリー*	引用文献名 及び一部の箇所が関連するときは、その関連する箇所の表示	関連する 請求の範囲の番号
X	JP 10-55218 A (株式会社フジキン) 1998.02.24 第3頁右欄第32行~第4頁左欄第27行、図1 & DE 69700733 D & IL 121494 D & SG 66387 A & CA 2212547 A & EP 824232 A1 & US 5816285 A1 & KR 248961 B	1, 2

☒ C欄の続きにも文献が列挙されている。☐ パテントファミリーに関する別紙を参照。

* 引用文献のカテゴリー

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 「E」 国際出願日前の出願または特許であるが、国際出願日以後に公表されたもの
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 「&」 同一パテントファミリー文献

国際調査を完了した日

30.05.03

国際調査報告の発送日

10.06.03

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C (続き) . 関連すると認められる文献		
引用文献の カテゴリー*	引用文献名 及び一部の箇所が関連するときは、その関連する箇所の表示	関連する 請求の範囲の番号
X	JP 6-35543 A (株式会社東芝) 1994. 02. 10 第2頁右欄第3～18行、図6 (ファミリーなし)	1, 2
Y	JP 3-31913 A (富士電気株式会社) 1991. 02. 12 第2頁右下欄第4行～第3頁右上欄第3行 (ファミリーなし)	1, 2
Y	JP 53-129788 A (株式会社荏原製作所) 1978. 11. 13 第2頁右上欄第1行～右下欄第6行 (ファミリーなし)	1, 2